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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device including a member which is partially silicified, comprising the steps of:

5 (a) forming a metal film on a semiconductor layer of a substrate;

10 (b) performing first thermal annealing to cause a silicification reaction between the metal film and the semiconductor layer so as to form a polycrystalline first silicide film on the semiconductor layer;

15 (c) removing an unreacted portion of the metal film after the step (b);

(d) implanting impurity ions into the first silicide film so as to change the first silicide film into an amorphous second silicide film;

20 (e) performing second thermal annealing to change the amorphous second silicide film into a polycrystalline third silicide film, the third silicide film being at least a part of the member.

25 2. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part of a gate electrode of a MISFET, the method further comprising:

a step of depositing a polysilicon film before the  
25 step (a); and

a step of forming the gate electrode before or after

the step (a).

3. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part of a source/drain region of a MISFET, the method further comprising, before the step (a):

a step of forming a gate insulative film and a gate electrode on an active region including the semiconductor layer;

a step of forming an insulative side wall on a side surface of the gate electrode; and

a step of forming a source/drain region in each of portions of the active region on both sides of the gate electrode.

4. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein:

the method further comprises a step of forming a protection film on the substrate after the step (c) and before the step (d); and

in the step (d), ions are implanted into the silicide film via the protection film.

5. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 4, wherein the step of forming the protection film is performed at a temperature at which the silicide film does not agglomerate.

6. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 4, wherein the step of forming the protection

film is performed at a temperature less than or equal to a temperature of the first thermal annealing.

7. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein in the step (d), the impurity ions are implanted so as to reach into the semiconductor layer to change a surface portion of the semiconductor layer into an amorphous state.

8. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein in the step (d), electrically neutral ions are used as the impurity ions.

9. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 8, wherein in the step (d), silicon ions are used as the electrically neutral ions.

10. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device including a member which is partially silicified, comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a first metal film on a semiconductor layer of a substrate;

(b) performing first thermal annealing to cause a silicification reaction between the first metal film and the semiconductor layer so as to form a metal-rich first silicide film on the semiconductor layer;

(c) removing an unreacted portion of the first metal film after the step (b);

(d) depositing a second metal film thinner than the first metal film on the substrate after the step (c);

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(e) performing second thermal annealing to form a second silicide film including a portion of the first silicide film that has been changed into a silicon-rich structure and a portion of the second metal film that has been silicified, the second silicide film being at least a part of the member; and

(f) performing third thermal annealing to cause a silicification reaction between the second metal film and the semiconductor layer so as to form a third silicide film on the semiconductor layer.

11. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 10, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part of a gate electrode of a MISFET, the method further comprising:

15 a step of depositing a polysilicon film before the step (a); and

a step of forming the gate electrode before or after the step (a).

12. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 10, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part 20 of a source/drain region of a MISFET, the method further comprising, before the step (a):

a step of forming a gate insulative film and a gate electrode on a substrate region including the semiconductor 25 layer;

a step of forming an insulative side wall on a side

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surface of the gate electrode; and  
a step of forming a source/drain region in each of  
portions of the substrate region on both sides of the gate  
electrode.

5           13. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor  
device of claim 10, wherein:

the third silicide film is a metal-rich silicide  
film; and

the method further comprises a step of, after the  
step (f), performing fourth thermal annealing to change the  
third silicide film into a silicon-rich fourth silicide film,  
the second silicide film and the fourth silicide film being  
at least a part of the member.

14. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device  
including a member which is partially silicified, comprising  
the steps of:

(a) forming a first metal film on a semiconductor  
layer of a substrate;

20           (b) performing first thermal annealing to cause a  
silicification reaction between the first metal film and the  
semiconductor layer so as to form a metal-rich first silicide  
film on the semiconductor layer;

(c) removing an unreacted portion of the first metal  
film after the step (b);

25           (d) performing second thermal annealing to change the  
first silicide film into a silicon-rich second silicide film;

(e) depositing a second metal film on the substrate after the step (d);

(f) performing third thermal annealing to cause a silicification reaction between the second metal film and the semiconductor layer so as to form a metal-rich third silicide film on the semiconductor layer; and

(g) performing fourth thermal annealing to change the third silicide film into a silicon-rich fourth silicide film, the second silicide film and the fourth silicide film being at least a part of the member.

15. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 14, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part of a gate electrode of a MISFET, the method further comprising:

a step of depositing a polysilicon film before the  
step (a); and

a step of forming the gate electrode before or after the step (a).

16. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor  
device of claim 14, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part  
of a source/drain region of a MISFET, the method further  
comprising, before the step (a):

a step of forming a gate insulative film and a gate electrode on a substrate region including the semiconductor layer;

a step of forming an insulative side wall on a side

surface of the gate electrode; and  
a step of forming a source/drain region in each of  
portions of the substrate region on both sides of the gate  
electrode.

5        17. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor  
device of claim 14, wherein:

in the step (f), a disruption occurs in the second  
silicide film when the first silicide film is changed into  
the second silicide film so that a part of the semiconductor  
layer is exposed therethrough; and

in the step (g), a silicification reaction is caused  
between the exposed part of the semiconductor layer and the  
second metal film.

15        18. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor  
device of claim 14, wherein:

in the step (a), a titanium film is formed as the  
first metal film; and

in the step (g), a cobalt film is formed as the  
second silicide film.

20        ~~19. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device  
including a member which is partially silicified, comprising  
the steps of:~~

(a) forming a metal film whose main component is  
cobalt on a semiconductor layer of a substrate;

25        (b) performing first thermal annealing to cause a  
silicification reaction between the metal film and the

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semiconductor layer so as to form a polycrystalline first cobalt silicide film on the semiconductor layer;

(c) removing an unreacted portion of the metal film after the step (b); and

(d) after the step (c), performing second thermal annealing at a temperature of 725°C or less to change the first cobalt silicide film into a second cobalt silicide film, the second cobalt silicide film being at least a part of the member.

20. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 19, further comprising:

a step of forming a protection film on the substrate so as to cover the second cobalt silicide film after the step (d); and

a step of performing third thermal annealing at a temperature higher than that of the second thermal annealing, with the second cobalt silicide film being covered by the protection film.

21. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device including a member which is partially silicified, comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a metal film on a semiconductor layer of a substrate;

(b) performing first thermal annealing to cause a silicification reaction between the metal film and the semiconductor layer so as to form a polycrystalline first

silicide film on the semiconductor layer;

(c) removing an unreacted portion of the metal film after the step (b);

(d) introducing nitrogen into the first silicide film before, in, or after, any of the steps (a) to (c); and

(e) after the step (d), performing second thermal annealing to change the first silicide film into a second silicide film, the second silicide film being at least a part of the member.

22. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 21, wherein in the step (d), the nitrogen is introduced so that a nitrogen concentration in the semiconductor layer is  $10^{17} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$  or less after the step (e).

~~23. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 19, wherein the semiconductor layer is a part of a source/drain region of a MISFET, the method further comprising, before the step (a):~~

a step of forming a gate insulative film and a gate electrode on an active region including the semiconductor layer;

a step of forming an insulative side wall on a side surface of the gate electrode; and

a step of forming a source/drain region by implanting impurity ions into each of portions of the active region on both sides of the gate electrode and then activating the impurity.

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wherein the step (d) is performed after the step of forming a source/drain region and before the step (a).

24. The method for manufacturing a semiconductor device of claim 19, further comprising a pre-cleaning step of irradiating a surface of the semiconductor layer with plasma before the step (a),

wherein the step (d) is performed by introducing nitrogen into the semiconductor layer, in advance, by using nitrogen-containing plasma in the pre-cleaning step.

25. A semiconductor device, comprising:

a substrate including a semiconductor layer; and  
a silicide layer formed on the semiconductor layer,  
the silicide layer being obtained by combining together a first metal silicide film and a second metal silicide film.

26. The semiconductor device of claim 25, wherein the semiconductor layer and the silicide layer together form a gate electrode of a MISFET.

27. The semiconductor device of claim 25, wherein the semiconductor layer and the silicide layer together form a source/drain region of a MISFET.

28. The semiconductor device of claim 25, wherein:  
the first metal silicide film includes a disruption due to agglomeration of crystal grains; and  
the second metal silicide film is formed at least in the disruption in the first metal silicide film.

29. The semiconductor device of claim 25, wherein:

the first metal silicide film is a titanium silicide film; and

the second metal silicide film is a cobalt silicide film.

5 30. A semiconductor device, comprising:

a substrate including a semiconductor layer; and  
a silicide layer formed on the semiconductor layer  
and containing nitrogen.

10 31. The semiconductor device of claim 30, wherein the silicide film is a cobalt silicide film.

15 32. A semiconductor device comprising:  
a substrate including a semiconductor layer; and  
a silicide layer formed on the semiconductor layer and  
having a polycrystalline layered structure.

33. The semiconductor device of claim 32, wherein the silicide film is a cobalt silicide film.

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